



Queensland Community Indicators: Measuring True Progress

My Community Directory
Information is Power Breakfast Series
Wednesday, Nov 20, 2013

Adj/Prof Geoff Woolcock / g.woolcock@griffith.edu.au



Measuring Wellbeing

Table 1 Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP) - Framework

Domains	Social - Individuals	Social - Living Together	Economic	Environmental
Headline dimensions	Health	Family, community and social cohesion	National income	The natural landscape
	Education and Training	Crime	Economic hardship	The air and atmosphere
	Work	Democracy, governance and citizenship	National wealth	Oceans and estuaries
Supplementary dimensions	Culture and leisure	Communication	Housing	Productivity
			Competitiveness and openness	
			Inflation	



MEASURES OF
AUSTRALIA'S
PROGRESS

2.0



IS LIFE IN AUSTRALIA GETTING BETTER?

What matters to you?

The ABS is carrying out a consultation to better measure the progress of Australia. This blog will allow you to participate in this exciting project. Click [here](#) to tell us what matters most in Australian life - because to assess whether Australia is progressing, we need to know what we want to progress towards.

What is
MAP 2.0
all About?



Search

Recent Entries

[The consultation continues...](#)

[Our last regular blog post](#)

[Blog contributions](#)

Recent Comments

'Things that matter

'Things that matter

The consultation continues...

Posted on 28 November 2011

Although we're not regularly putting up blog posts, we value your insights and thoughts and we are continuing to monitor the blog. So please do still leave comments and contribute to this national conversation.

You can read some of the comments by other readers [here](#)

The findings from our consultation will be released in a report late-2012.

Serhat

Comments [0]

Our last regular blog post

Posted on 8 November 2011

This will be our last regular blog post. We would like to thank everyone who has provided a comment and had their say. This blog was something of a first for the ABS and has been an effective way to interact with a wide audience. Hearing your thoughts on this topic has been



Measuring Progress: Australia

Most important qualities for Australia's progress

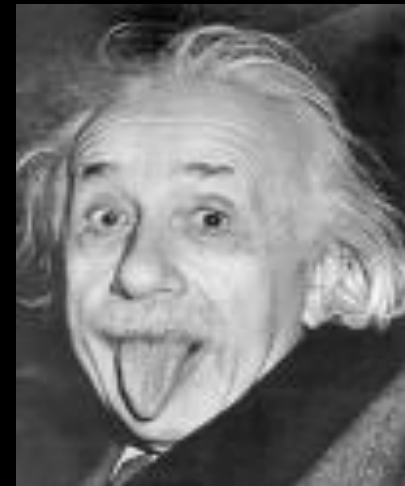
<i>Rank</i>	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Ave</i>
1	Honesty and ethics in public life	9.42
2	Security and stability	9.33
3	Environmental responsibility	9.25
4	Democracy, open, accountable government	9.17
5	Efficiency in government, management etc	9.10
6	Economic strength	9.04
7	Happiness and health	9.02
8	Fairness	8.90
9	Education and creativity	8.74
10	Inclusiveness and community	8.65
11	International responsibility	8.65
12	High living standards	8.59
13	Diversity and tolerance	8.50
14	High technology	8.43
15	Political power	7.69
16	Competitiveness	7.68



Measuring Progress

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted

Albert Einstein



Measuring Progress

■ John Stuart Mill (1850s)



“Those only are happy who have their minds fixed on some object other than their own happiness”.



Measuring Progress



The Idea of Progress



No single idea has been more important than the Idea of Progress in Western civilization for three thousand years.



(Nisbet, R. History of the Idea of Progress, 1980)





Rethinking Progress

‘Around the world a consensus is growing about the need to develop a more comprehensive view of progress – one that takes account of social, environmental and economic concerns – rather than focussing mainly on economic indicators like Gross Domestic Product.’

OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy: Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies

Istanbul 2007

Rethinking Progress

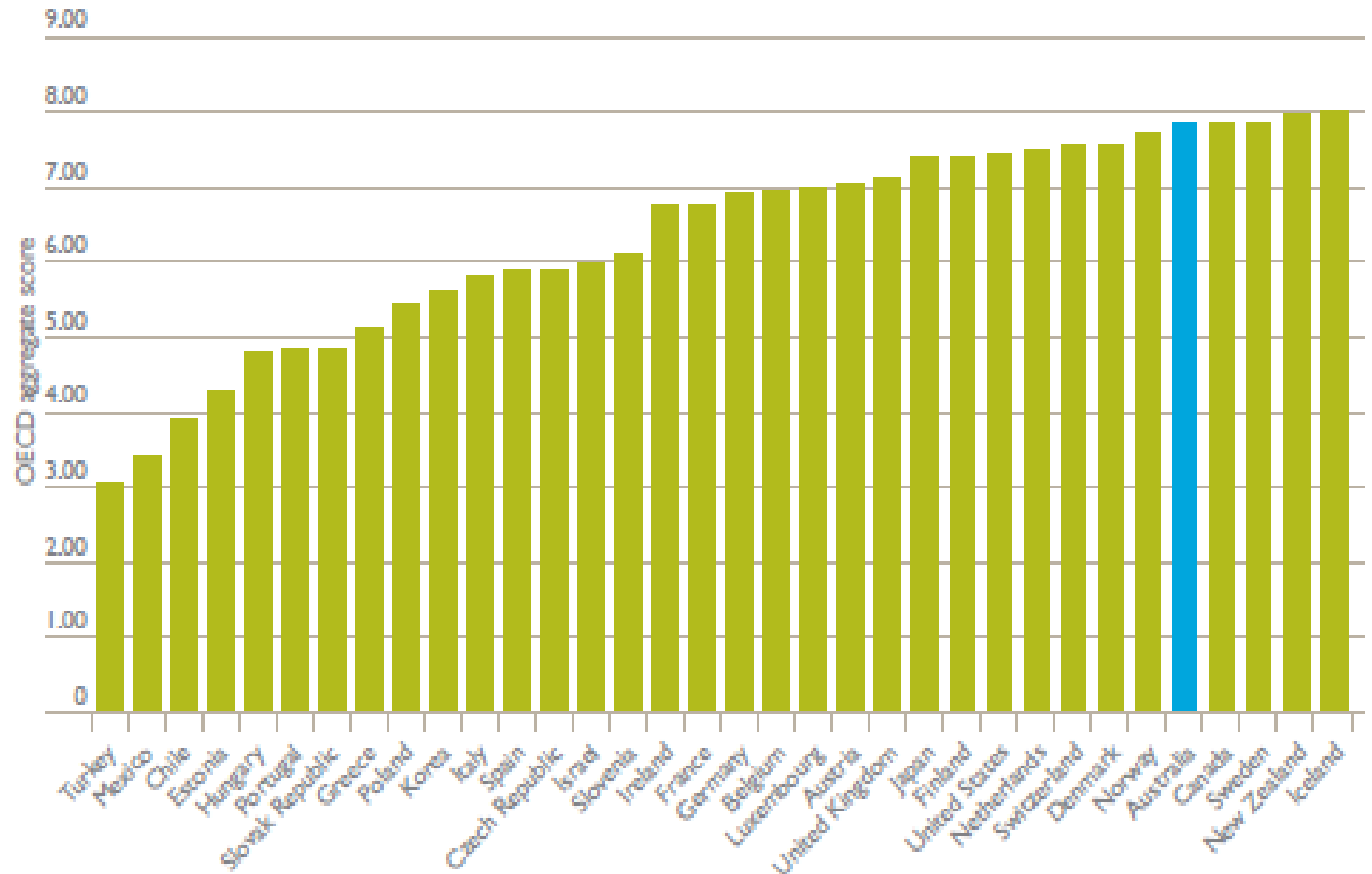


Stiglitz Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress

“Much of the contemporary economic disaster owes to the misbegotten assumption that policy makers simply had to focus on nurturing growth, trusting that this would maximize prosperity for all.”



OECD Better Life Index



Note: * Aggregate score has been calculated as the sum of score data for each of 20 indicators across 11 topics divided by the number of scores where data is available. Imputed values have not been used.

Source: OECD 2011a



Rethinking Progress

The Spirit Level

Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better

Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett





Rethinking Progress





Community Indicators



The idea of people taking charge of their own measurements of progress is a powerful and far reaching innovation that can bring about a new sense of civic engagement.



Sustainable Seattle



nstitute Indicators Case Studies

OF WELLBEING

The following government agencies, non-governmental organizations and universities are working together to develop the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.



BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Education,
University of British Columbia
<http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca>
Institute for Social Research
and Evaluation,
University of Northern
British Columbia
(Prince George)
<http://web.unbc.ca/isre>

ALBERTA
Anielski Management Inc.
(Edmonton)
www.anielski.com
Sustainable Calgary
www.sustainablecalgary.ca

SASKATCHEWAN
Community University Institute
for Social Research,
University of Saskatchewan
(Saskatoon)
www.usask.ca/cuisr
Prairie Wild Consulting Co.
together with Holden &
Associates
www.prairiewildconsulting.ca

MANITOBA
International Institute for
Sustainable Development
www.iisd.org

Canadian Council
on Learning
www.ccl-cca.ca
Canadian Council
on Social Development
www.ccsd.ca
Centre for the Study
of Living Standards
www.csls.ca
Institute of Population
Health,
University of Ottawa
www.iph.uottawa.ca

ONTARIO

Institute of Wellbeing
(housed at the Atkinson
Charitable Foundation)
www.ciw.ca
Lifestyle
Information Network
www.lin.ca
Statistics Canada
www.statcan.gc.ca
University of Toronto
www.phs.utoronto.ca
University of Waterloo
www.uwaterloo.ca

QUEBEC
Département d'études en loisir,
culture et tourisme,
Université du Québec
à Trois-Rivières
www.uqtr.ca
Faculté des sciences sociales,
Université Laval
www.soc.ulaval.ca

NEWFOUNDLAND
Memorial University
www.mun.ca
Newfoundland
Labrador
Community Accounts
www.communityaccounts.ca

NOVA SCOTIA
Genuine Progress Index
(GPI) Atlantic
www.gpiatlantic.org
Time Use Research Program,
Saint Mary's University
www.smu.ca/partners/turp



ANDI



Establishing an
Australian National
Development Index

What kind of
Australia do
we want?

Business prospectus prepared by
The Allen Consulting Group

Aust Community Indicators Network

■ <http://www.acin.net.au/>

<http://dev.acin.net.au/>

Australian Community Indicators Network (ACIN)

Home News and Events

Welcome

The Australian Community Indicators Network (ACIN) aims to assist people using or developing community indicators to share ideas and information, and to foster collaboration.

Community indicators are statistical tools for informing communities and governments about the wellbeing of communities. They provide evidence of how communities are faring. Regular and reliable measures of the progress of communities are crucial for informed democracy and good governance. Community indicators, developed through an open and inclusive process, promote citizen engagement and government accountability. They improve evidence-based planning and policy making and generate new ideas and relationships. In these ways, they contribute to the well-being of our communities and our people.

The Network aims to build a national dialogue and knowledge base across community indicator policy, research and practice.

Indicator projects around Australia

- National**
 - Measure of Australia's Progress - ABS
 - Australian Social Trends Indicators - ABS
 - State and Territory Indicators - ABS
 - National Regional Profiles - ABS
 - Australian Urban Wellbeing Index
 - C40s National Agreements
 - Measuring the Economic Wellbeing of Australia's Regions - Dept. of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 - Australian National Development Index
 - Australian Community Indicators Network
 - National Growth Areas Alliance
 - My Region - Dept. of Infrastructure and Transport
 - Sustainability Indicators - Dept. of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities (SEWPA)
 - State of Australia's Cities - Dept. of Infrastructure and Transport
 - State of the Environment Report - SEWPA
 - Sustainable Sources City Logistics Project (Australian Tourism Sustainability Performance Indicators - Institute for Sustainable Futures)
 - Australian Social Indicators Board
- Northern Territory**
 - Territory 2000
- Queensland**
 - Queensland Happiness Index
 - Tweedbeach City - Tomorrow's Queensland
 - Social Wellbeing Index - Office of Economics and Statistical Research
 - Community Indicators Queensland
 - USC - Community Wellbeing Indicators
 - Queensland State of the Environment
- South Australia**
 - Strategic Plan Progress Report
 - SA Easydata
 - South Australian Wellbeing Index
 - SA Government
 - Economic and Social Indicators - South Australia's Centre for Economic Studies
 - SA State of the Environment
- Redland City**
 - Community Indicators
- Brisbane**
 - Living in Brisbane 2008
- Hunter Valley**
 - Hunter Valley Indicators
- New South Wales**
 - NSW State of the Environment
 - NSW State of the Environment
 - NSW State of the Environment

ACIN web site - your opinion counts!

Welcome to the ACIN web site!

Please add your suggestions to this post!! thanks

[read more](#)

[athena williams's blog](#)

[add new comment](#)



Other Relevant Examples: Australia

CIV Community Indicators Victoria



Home About Us CIV partners Your area Contact Us Our location Useful Links Login

Login

Username:

Password:

[Login](#)

[Create account](#)
[Forgotten password](#)

Welcome to Community Indicators Victoria (CIV)

CIV is a collaborative project hosted by the McCaughey Centre, School of Population Health, University of Melbourne.

This site uses local community wellbeing indicators to improve citizen engagement, community planning and policy making.

Join CIV ... it's free!

- * participate in CIV projects
- * share your ideas about community indicators
- * contact other CIV members
- * generate, save and share your own customised reports
- * export reports for use in your own project
- * receive our notices and newsletters

[Become a member »](#)

LGAs - Non-Metro

LGAs - Metro



[View larger map »](#)

Discover your Region or Local Government Area

Would you like to find out more about your region or local government area?

Using the map: choose a view from the blue buttons, then click on the area you are interested in.

This will produce a detailed CIV Report showing a selection of key Indicators (community statistics) for that area.



Other Relevant Examples: Australia

- Australian Unity Wellbeing Index
- Property Council Capital City Livability
- Onyx & Bullen Social Capital Scores
- SEWPAC Sustainability Indicators
- Genuine Progress Indicator (Australia)
- ARACY Scorecard – children's wellbeing
- Indices of Social Disadvantage (SEIFA; Vinson; Saunders; Baum; NATSEM)
- Herald - Lateral Economics Index of Australia's Well-being
- Measuring Australia's Progress (MAP), ABS
- Unequal in Life



Partners for Livable Communities (PLC)

<http://www.livable.org.au>

We aim to improve the livability of our communities by:

- Defining livability, so communities have a broad and consistent framework to understand and assess livability, in their own context;
- Forging new partnerships with the wide range of corporate, government and community stakeholders needed to initiate and sustain change.



Community Indicators Queensland (CIQ) Key Features

- Focus on indicators v-v creation of an index;
- Adoption of a bottom-up community led approach;
- Facilitation of active citizen engagement and a democratic approach to improving wellbeing and quality of life in the community;
- Provision of a tool to assist policy and program evaluation by non-economic measures;
- Contribution to long term policy research for a range of social policy oriented disciplines;
- Flexible framework allowing local communities to commission surveys on issues of direct local relevance.



Community Indicators Queensland (CIQ) Progress

Partners

Stakeholders actively involved in CIQ development:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
- Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR), Queensland Treasury
- Queensland Health
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Communities (including A&TSIS)
- Arts Queensland
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Local Government Association Queensland
- QCOSS
- CheckUp + Medicare Locals
- Partners for Livable Communities (PLC)
- Qld Centre for Social Science Innovation (QCSSI)
- Wesley Mission Brisbane (WMB)



Community Indicators Queensland (CIQ) & Wellness Footprint

- Provide a platform for the development of strategies to address environmental risk factors associated with obesity, cancer, CVD and other health problems
- Enable all level of government to comparatively measure the wellness capacity of cities, towns and suburbs
- Provide evidence as to which areas should be prioritised in planning, facilities provision and environmental improvements

Preliminary data scoping completed June 2010



Queensland Health Indicators



- Health Indicators for Regional Planning in Qld (Sept, 2006)

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/epidemiology/documents/hirpp-report.pdf>



- Significant health and resilience surveys through post-disaster Qld 2011



- General Practice Division and Medicare Local profiles

http://www.gpqld.com.au/page/Our_Network/Queensland_Divisions_Profile



Community Services Information System (COMSIS)

- <https://statistics.oesr.qld.gov.au/comsis>

COMSIS has been developed by the Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR), Queensland Treasury and Trade, for the Department of Communities.

In order to support those most in need, the department has developed a method to identify and rank the high priority groups-locations across Queensland using a combination of measures of disadvantage, need and risk (DNR).





Transport and Community Wellbeing

Aim

- This project aims to achieve a better understanding of the role of transport in improving community wellbeing. A desired outcome is to better leverage TMR's investment in transport projects in a way that achieves better outcomes for communities across generations.



Vital Signs



Vital Signs CULTURAL INDICATORS FOR AUSTRALIA first edition – for consultation





Resilience Profiles Project details

- Funding - the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP), jointly funded by federal Attorney-General's & Qld Dept of Community Safety
- Timeframe – April 2011 to March 2012
- Lead agency - QCOSS in partnership with Griffith Uni
- Key Question: Is there a link between socio-economic disadvantage (as per SEIFA scale) and natural disaster vulnerability?



Community Resilience Profiles



Pilot Sites



- Tablelands region (local government area)
- Rockhampton region (local government area)
- Western Downs (local government area) with a focus on the township of Chinchilla



- <http://communityindicatorsqld.org.au/>



LGAQ Community Wellbeing Indicators Pilot 2011

Trialing CIQ Draft Indicator Framework in five LGAs

Pilot Sites (LGAs)

- Sunshine Coast
- Gladstone
- Longreach
- Isaac
- Wujal Wujal

http://www.lgaq.asn.au/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=e623a713c06b59f34df3918153835c67&groupId=10136



LGAQ Community Wellbeing Indicators

■ Key impetus for CIQ's relevance to LG was 2009 LG Act which states that:

“The long-term community plan is a document that outlines the local government's goals, strategies and policies for implementing the local government's vision for the future of the local government area, during the period covered by the plan.” The Plan must be at least 10 years.



Other significant Qld community indicators research

CQU

Institute for Sustainable Regional Development

<http://www.anzrsai.org/system/files/f8/f4/f45/f46/o246//Miles%20et%20al.pdf>

Measuring Community Wellbeing: A Central Queensland Case Study

UQ

<http://www.issr.uq.edu.au/social-wellbeing-health-housing>

The Social Wellbeing, Health and Housing Research Program focuses on producing internationally recognised research regarding the wellbeing of individuals, families, neighbourhoods, cities and regions in Australian society.

It is concerned with:

- Conceptualising and measuring social wellbeing, and related concepts such as quality of life, health status and social inequality;
- Analysing the factors that impact on social wellbeing;
- Analysing social policies and programs designed to enhance social wellbeing.



Next Steps



- Qld Centre for Social Science Innovation (QCSSI) defunded



- Queensland Plan – Qld Futures Institute?



- CIQ rollout 2013?



Measuring Progress

